

NINE MEN PERISH BY FIRE IN MINE.

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All Day Search for Bodies of the
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Butte, Mont., Nov. 6.—A Virginia City dispatch to the Miner says fire in the Kearsarge mine, six miles from Virginia City, early this morning, killed nine men. The damage to surface buildings is slight.

Among the dead is Superintendent R. B. Turner of Butte, one of the best-known mining men in the Northwest. Four

bodies have been recovered up to tonight. The dead: R. B. TURNER, superintendent of Kearsarge mine; GEORGE ALLEN, stationary engineer; JOHN TOBIN, a miner; JAMES POWERS, a miner; EDWARD L. LAIRD, a miner; WILLIAM J. BROWN, a miner; ROBERT DONNELLY, a miner. Two unidentified miners.

The Kearsarge is one of the principal gold mines of the State. It is operated by the Alder Mining Company. At about 5 o'clock this morning fire was discovered issuing from the tunnel-house on tunnel No. 1. At that time the timbers in the tunnel were ablaze. At the first alarm all the miners, carpenters and laborers, some 170 in all, hastened across the gulch to aid in subduing the flames.

Superintendent R. B. Turner, whose quarters are high on the hill across the right fork of the Alder gulch and a short distance from the burning tunnel house, at once went to the scene and assumed the direction of affairs and, with others, entered the tunnel, through fire and smoke, to give warning to the entombed miners and to aid in their escape.

Near the mouth of the tunnel they stumbled over the dead body of John Tobin, who evidently had made an effort to escape, but was driven back by the flames and smoke. They carried the bodies to the surface and once more entered the workings.

According to the story of a miner named Hurley, he, with Turner and another man, entered the mine behind them, but became separated from the others. Hurley was the last of the three to descend. After going down some distance through the tunnel, he saw a flash of light and then three or four bodies striking the timbers, were followed by smothered splashes in the water. Hurley tried to go further down the shaft, but was compelled to retrace his steps. Up to a late hour this morning the search for the missing men was being continued.

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Those of an inquiring turn of mind around the City Hall are asking where the money is to come from for the "Lexow" committee, recently appointed by Speaker Gatzert of the House of Delegates, the duty of which is to "get the tax dodgers."

To spend money on an ordinance passed by the House and the Council and approved by the Mayor is necessary. Some persons say that the Council would not pass such a bill, and the approval or disapproval of the Mayor is too far in the future to guess at.

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Assessor O'Brien said yesterday that he would like nothing better than to see the work go on, and he would do all he could to help them. He said that his opinion is that the committee from the House has no power whatever in the matter.

This same result, creating such a committee was voted down in the House last summer. Members said then that it saved of graft, as there would of necessity have to be two or three high-salaried positions in connection with the work.

As appointed by Gatzert, the committee is: Wiesner, chairman; Williams, Rott, O'Neill, Whitcomb. Organization has been effected with Peter Barrett as attorney at a salary of \$500 a month. W. J. Gavigan is clerk of the committee.

Assessor O'Brien gave out some figures yesterday to show what had been done by the way of an increase in assessments. In 1900 the books show a valuation of \$39,523,239, while in 1903 the amount is \$44,250,000, an increase of \$4,726,761. Of this \$4,726,761 is on personal property alone.

O'Brien said that the matter of reaching everybody could not be arrived at in a day and that he was working on a system whereby the desired result could be obtained as the figures he presented show.

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